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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/971,958
	Filing Date	October 09, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Motoshige IGARASHI, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2814
	Examiner Name	T. N. Quach
	Attorney Docket Number	50090-447

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. ☐ _____

a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1.03(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$770.00

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

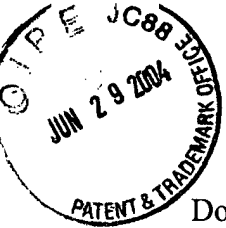
iii. ☐ Other (additional claims, etc.)

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Motoshige IGARASHI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 4102
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Application No.: 09/971,958	:	Group Art Unit: 2814
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Filed: October 9, 2001	:	Examiner: T. Quach
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME	:	

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated March 29, 2004.